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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b> <small>Section (b) of 36 U.S.C. § 122, effective on May 25, 2006, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventor Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).</small>		Application Number: 09/578,895 Filing Date: May 26, 2000 First Name of Inventor: Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al. Group Art Unit: 2811 Examiner Name: Gene M. Minson Attorney Docket Number: 740736-2160	
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
 NOTICE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 25, 2006. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 25, 2006, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) (PTO-59-299) instead of a RCE as it is eligible for the patent term extension provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 61 Fed. Reg. 30082 (Aug. 14, 2000); Federal Rule, 61 Fed. Reg. 14960 (Mar. 20, 2000); 35 U.S.C. 302; 35 U.S.C. 302 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

- 1. Substantive request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**
  - ☐ Previously submitted
  - ☐ Consider the amendment(s) (reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (Any amended amendment(s) referred to there will be entered).
  - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☒ **Reopened**
    - ☐ Preliminary Amendment/Reply
    - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - ☐ Submission of Formal Drawings
  - ☐ Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time
- 2. Miscellaneous**
  - ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 1 month; see under 37 C.F.R. § 1.117) (not required)
  - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Fees**
  - The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
  - ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment(s) to Deposit Account No. 19-2340:
    - ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.117(c)
    - ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137)
    - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☒ The Director is authorized to charge Deposit Account # 19-2340 in the amount of \$790.00
  - ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-503) enclosed

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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/578,895
Filing Date	May 26, 2000
First Named Inventor	Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.
Group Art Unit	2811
Examiner Name	Gene M. Munson
Attorney Docket Number	740756-2160

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Preliminary Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Submission of Formal Drawings
- v. ☐ Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

- The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-2380
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ The Director is authorized to charge Deposit Account # 19-2380 in the amount of \$790.00
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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